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HEALTH, MEDICAL AND FAMILY WELFARE
DEPARTMENT

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THE TELANGANA PATHOLOGY AND ANATOMY RULES, 2022.

***[G.O.Ms.No.134, Health, Medical and Family Welfare (F1),
1st October, 2022.]***

In exercise of the powers conferred under Section 9 of the Telangana Pathology and Anatomy Act, 1955 (Act No.X of 1955), the Governor of Telangana hereby makes the following rules:-

The Telangana Pathology and Anatomy Rules, 2022.

1. Short title - These rules may be called the Telangana Pathology and Anatomy Rules, 2022.
2. Definitions - In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires -
 - a) “Act” means the Telangana Pathology and Anatomy Act, 1955, (Act No. X of 1955); and

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b) “Section” means a section of the Act.

3. Time limit to claim a Body by any of his / her near relatives - The body of deceased who has a near relative shall be considered to be unclaimed if the same is not claimed by any of his near relatives within a period of 12 hours of the death.

However, a dead body handed over to an approved institution may be claimed by a near relative of the deceased within a period of 96 hours of death. No charges shall be payable by the near relative if the body is claimed within a period of 24 hours of the death. If the claim is made after the expiry of 24 hours, the near relative will have to pay a nominal amount of Rs.20/- towards preservation charges of the dead body.

4. Disposal of unclaimed body which is not required by the authority in charge of a teaching medical institution - The authorized officer shall dispose of the unclaimed body which is not required by the authority in charge of a teaching medical institution through local body concerned.

5. Disposal of decomposed bodies - Decomposed bodies which cannot be used for any purpose mentioned in sub-section (1) of Section 4 shall be returned to the authorized officer for disposal.

6. Disposal of belongings of the deceased - The belonging of an unclaimed body shall be disposed of by authorized officer in accordance with the normal provision of law.

7. Authorised officer decision by summary enquiry - The authorized officer shall, for the purposes of deciding any doubt or dispute whether a person is a near relative of the deceased, hold a summary inquiry. Such authorised officer need not record the oral evidence of witnesses, but he shall maintain a memorandum of evidence and a list of representation and counter representation, if any, on the basis of which he arrives at the decision.

8. Preservation of unclaimed dead bodies - All the dead bodies received in an approved institution shall be kept in the cold storage mortuary until they are moved to the Anatomy Department of such institution. In the Anatomy Department, they shall be kept under suitable conditions at the discretion of the officer-in-charge of that department till these are put to any purpose specified in sub-section (1) of Section 4 or till these are claimed, as the case may be.

9. Information of death to the Authorized Officer - Any officer of the Departments of Police or Public Health or any officer in the service of a local authority or any village officer who comes to know of the death of any person in any public place in an area in which he had no permanent place of residence shall report the fact to the authorized officer of that area with the least practicable delay.

Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing provisions, the responsibility for immediately reporting the fact to the authorized officer and also for assisting the authorized officer in making arrangements for the removal of the dead body to the approved institution shall be of the officer in charge of the Police Station having jurisdiction over the area and in the meanwhile to prevent decay, he will send the dead body to the mortuary of the nearest teaching medical institute where arrangements for its preservation are available.

When a person dies in a hospital the authority in charge of such hospital shall immediately report the fact to the nearest relative mentioned in the records of the patient.

10. Savings - Nothing contained in these rules shall apply to cases where death has taken place under suspicious circumstances and the body is required for medico- legal-examination. In such cases, if the police have taken possession of it themselves, the body shall be handed over to the police.

S.A.M. RIZVI,
Secretary to Government.

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